

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application mailed 14 November 2008. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the favorable review of this application.

At this time the, Applicants respectfully request approval of the entry of minor amendments for a few of the claims. All but one of the amendments are for editorial reasons. The remaining amendment is to change the dependency of one of the dependent claims.

The proposed amendments to do not modify the definition of the invention now claims. Accordingly, prompt approval of this Amendment is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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